1	2	3	4	5
July	1046	1227	1442	1301
August	1030	1188	1446	1343
September	1151	1231	1349	1412*
October	1092	1307	1448	
November	1027	1264	1408	
December	1147	1375	1588	
January	1292	1539	1653	
February	1235	1415	1488	
March	1547	1853	1785	

*The export data is available only upto September, 1991.

(b) The percentage growth in each quarter during 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year is given below:

Quarter	*Exports (Percentage Growth in Dollar Terms)* 1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
April-June	12·2	17·0	14·0	—6·6
July-September	17·1	16·7	14·9	—5·9
October-December	15·2	19·9	12·5	
January-March	21·3	17·8	3·0	

Source : DGCI & S, Calcutta.

Merger of TDA and The TFAI

1030. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE! be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a 'fact that Government has decided to merge the Trade Development Authority and the Trade Fair Authority of India into a new organisation; and

(b) if so, how will it affect the (country's export promotion, Trade Fair activities and investment promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The integrated working of the two agencies will result in greater 'programme coordination, operational efficiency and avoidance of overlapping of functions, leading to better export promotion.

Swiss Interest to Investment in India

1031. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Switzerland and Swiss firms have evinced interest in investing in India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the fields of their interest; and

(c) what are the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Swiss Investment has been forthcoming in the areas of electrical equipment, industrial machinery, machine tools, transport, instruments and chemicals. Interest has also been shown in the fields of watch manufacturing, precision instruments, gems and jewellery and computer software. One of the objectives of the liberalisation measures effected in Industrial and Trade-Policies is to facilitate foreign investment.

Decline in the export of Coffee

1032. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost every year the country has been losing substantially in the export of Indian Coffee in respect to other global competitors;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of decline in the export of Indian coffee since the beginning of 1991 till date as compared to the corresponding period of 1990;

(c) what are the countries where exports of Indian coffee have declined also stating the percentage of decline in exports to each country;

(d) what is the over 4 impact on the foreign exchange; earnif as a result thereof; and

(e) what efforts have been made by Government to enhance the export of Indian coffee and also to tap new markets for its exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) Till July, 1989 an International Coffee Agreement provided for export quotas from various countries who were members of the International Coffee Organisation. The economic clauses under this Agreement fell through in July, 1989, as a result of which there was a steep fall in the prices of coffee in the International market. Despite this, the performance of Indian coffee has been fairly good. The value realised through export of Indian coffee from 1987-88 has been as follows:

Year	Value Realised (Rs. Crores)
1987-88	260·10
1988-89	337·72
1989-90	363·14
1990-91	278·79

The reduction in the total realisation for 1990-91 was largely on account of the reduced quantity of exports which was because of the low crop. The target for 1991-92 is Rs. 400 crores.

Between January to October, 1991 a total quantity of 71004MT was exported as against 93537 MT during the corresponding period in the previous year. The value realisation from January to October, 1991 was Rs. 229.48 crores as against Rs. 235.71 crores in the previous year. This reduction in the exports of the current year compared to the previous year is expected to be made up and it is expected that the tarpet of Rs. 400 crores for the financial year 1991-92 will be. achieved. A comparison of exports to major countries during January *to Octo-*